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Local Administration and Social Welfare (C) Department

NOTIFICATION

No. 4128/C3/76/LA&SWD. *Dated, Trivandrum, 25th February 1981.*

S. R. O. No. 362/81.—The following draft of the Kerala Panchayat (Organising Voluntary Labour for Community Works for the Developments of the Panchayat) Rules, 1981, which the Government of Kerala propose to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (e) of clause (iv) sub-section (2) of section 57 and sub-section (1) of section 129 of the Kerala Panchayats Act, 1960 (32 of 1960), is hereby published for general information as required by sub-section (2) of section 130 of the Kerala Panchayats Act, 1960.

Notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken up for consideration on or after 18-4-1981, and that any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person in respect of the said draft on or before the date specified above will be considered by Government.

Objections and suggestions shall be addressed to the Special Secretary to Government, Local Administration and Social Welfare (C) Department, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum.

DRAFT RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Panchayat (Organising Voluntary Labour for

Community Works for the Development of the Panchayat) Rules, 1981.

(2) They shall come into effect at once.

2. *Organisation.*—(1) The Panchayat may organise a volunteer force of able bodied persons willing to work for the development of the Panchayat area.

(2) An Implementation Committee shall be constituted by the Panchayat by nominations from the members of the volunteer force.

(3) The Implementation Committee shall consist of not more than ten members including the President of the Panchayat.

(4) The President of the Panchayat shall be the President of the Implementation Committee.

(5) The volunteer force may be grouped according to necessity and a captain shall be elected for each group.

3. *Functions of the Implementation Committee.*—(1) The Implementation Committee may prepare a list of schemes of public utility for every year and implement the same subject to the approval of the Panchayat.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Panchayat, the Implementation Committee may undertake activities or other works entrusted to it.

4. *Expenses of Volunteer force.*—The contribution from the volunteer force shall be purely voluntary, but the Implementation Committee may incur necessary expenditure to give them food and meet other incidental expenses when the services of the members are commanded and utilised for any developmental activities. Proper vouchers shall be kept in support of the expenditure incurred from the fund.

5. *Funds.*—(1) The fund of the volunteer force shall include the grant given by the Panchayat, donation from the public and profit or income derived out of any public works undertaken by them.

(2) The volunteer force may, if so desired by the Implementation Committee, accept donation from public in cash or in kind.

(3) Government may, through the Panchayat, pay a matching grant equal to the grant given by the Panchayat and the annual contribution raised by the voluntary force from the public.

(4) Receipts in carbon duplicate shall be maintained and receipts issued for all contributions received in cash or in kind.

(5) The fund of the Voluntary force shall be operated by the Secretary through a Bank approved by the Panchayat till it is utilised.

6. *Term.*—(1) The term of the Implementation Committee shall be for a period of one year. But the Panchayat may extend the term of the Implementation Committee for a further period of one year.

(2) Casual vacancies of the Committee, if any, shall be filled up by the Panchayat by nomination from the members of the volunteer force.

7. *Secretary.*—A Secretary shall be nominated by the Panchayat from among the Volunteers. The Panchayat may if so desire, nominate one or more joint Secretaries to assist the Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to Keep all the accounts, vouchers, registers etc., of the volunteer force and to see that the Funds of the Volunteer force are deposited in Banks approved by the Panchayat. He shall submit the accounts to the Implementation Committee for approval. The account of the volunteer force maintained by the Secretary shall be open to audit by the Auditors approved by the Government for the audit of the Panchayat accounts.

By. order of the Governor,

M. DANDAPANI,

Special Secretary.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the Notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport).

Government wish to make rules for organising volunteer labour for Community works for the development of the Panchayat area similar to such stipulations made in the relevant rules of other states.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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